

# St. John's Anglican Church

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

Priest-in-Charge: Reverend Alvin Westgate  
Organist & Choir Director: Barbara Butler

*To all who mourn or need comfort,  
To all who are weary and need rest,  
To all who seek friendship,  
To all who desire to grow in relationship with God  
To all who yearn to pray,  
To all who need a Saviour, And to all whoever will worship,  
This Church of St. John's opens wide its doors  
and in the name of Christ our Lord, says - WELCOME.*

Today's Holy Gospel is part of chapter twelve of John's Gospel. Chapter twelve concludes Jesus' public ministry. It is appropriate that this Gospel story is chosen for today as next Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> we celebrate The Passion of our Lord Jesus the Christ.

In our story Greeks (Gentiles, non Jews) ask permission to see Jesus. Philip and Andrew, although they are Jewish, have Greek names. It is natural, then, that the Greeks approach these two disciples with their request to see Jesus. Jesus' answer to them is the answer to each one of us - "Whoever serves me must follow me." Like the other evangelists, our journey is one of carrying the Cross and like the grain, we must die to be able to bear fruit - some thirty year old, some sixty, and some a hundred. The single grain of seed is just that until it is buried in the ground (dies) then it produces and becomes what it is meant to be - a sheaf of wheat, a flower, or a fruit of the sweetest kind. "Whoever serves me, the Father will honour."

Today we welcome to the altar The Reverend Linda MacDonald. Thanks to Linda, I get a break and time to prepare for Holy Week.

*Alvin+*

#### LAY MINISTERS TODAY

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer  
10:30 am Susan MacMillan, Robert MacMillan  
Lectors: 8:30 am Roxie Smith, Ben Smith  
10:30 am John Collins, Rose Conrad; Server: Aisling Curtin  
Sidespersons: 10:30 am Heather & Oran Hyson

#### NEXT SUNDAY MARCH 25TH

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer  
10:30 am Roger Demone, Heather Hyson  
Lectors: 8:30 am Duncan Crowdis, Laura Roblee  
10:30 am Stephen Lewis, Aisling Curtin; Server: Aisling Curtin  
Sidespersons: 10:30 am Haigh & Barbara Carthew



# The Holy Eucharist

Prelude: Soliloquy – Willan

Hymn #380 'O Worship the King'

Children's Talk

## The Gathering of the Community

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People And with thy spirit.

All Almighty God,  
to you all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hidden.  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Collect of the Day

Most merciful God, by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you created humanity anew. May the power of his victorious cross transform those who turn in faith to him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## The Proclamation of the Word

### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach

one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

JEREMIAH 31:31-34

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

### PSALM 51



Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; in your great compassion blot out my offences. Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin. R

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. R

And so you are justified when you speak and upright in your judgement. Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, a sinner from my mother's womb. R

For behold, you look for truth deep within me, and will make me understand wisdom secretly. Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; wash me, and I shall be clean indeed. R

Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the body you have broken may rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities. R

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy Spirit from me. Give me the joy of your saving help again and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit. R

### A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

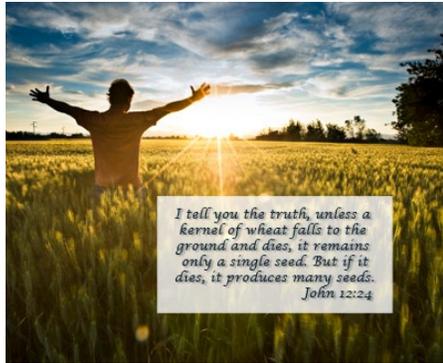
HEBREWS 5:5-10

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

## Gospel

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much

fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say - 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name."

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. JOHN 12:20-33

Hymn # 178 'Restore in Us, O God'

## REFLECTION

### The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father.

With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People Please kneel or sit for the prayers.

Response: Create a new spirit within us, O Lord.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, The Most Revd Paul Kwong, Archbishop of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui & Bishop of Hong Kong Island.

Diocesan Cycle: Pray for Anglican Churches of Pictou County Rev Darlene Jewers, Rev Art Bourré, Associate Parish Priest, and Patricia Bourguignon; Parish of Liscomb with Port Bickerton, Rev Kristin MacKenzie and Michael.

Local Ministerial: Pray for the clergy and congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - Maude Adams;  
Clearwater - Atlantic Protector

## Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ,

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;  
he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table.  
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant:  
Almighty God have mercy upon you,  
pardon + and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace All stand, and the celebrant addresses the people.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
And also with you.

## The Celebration of the Eucharist

### The Preparation of the Gifts

#### Offertory Hymn

#442 'Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here'

#### The Prayer over the Gifts

Eternal God, your only Son suffered death upon the cross to bring the world salvation. Accept the praise and thanksgiving we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

### The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And also with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your

people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, (Sung CP#722)  
Lord God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full,  
full of your glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna,  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes,  
who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna,  
Hosanna in the highest.

Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will. On the night he freely gave himself to death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore. Therefore we proclaim our hope.

(Sung) CP #723

Dying, you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life.  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen, amen. CP #725

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread,  
All: Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.  
All: If we have died with him, we shall live with him;  
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.

## The Communion

The Gifts of God, for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace  
Music by Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewis

*This community of faith,  
welcomes to the Lord's table  
all who are baptized and who wish to be nourished  
with the Body and Blood of Christ.*

Communion Hymns #511 'Lord Jesus, Think on Me';  
#199 'Who Would Ever Have Believed It'

## Prayer after Communion

Merciful God, you have called us to your table and fed us with  
the bread of life. Draw us and all people to your Son, our Saviour Jesus  
Christ. Amen.

## Doxology

Glory to God,  
whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more  
than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

## Blessing and Sending Out

May the Spirit who led Jesus in to the desert, lead you this Lent into the  
depths of your heart so that you may experience the joys of Easter.  
May the blessing of God almighty, the Father, + the Son and the Holy  
Spirit be with you now and remain with you always. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn #444 'Your Hand, O God, Has Guided'

Postlude: We Bless Thee, Lord Jesus Christ Our Lord – J. S. Bach

## NOTICES

We are accepting Easter Memorials In Memory of Loved Ones. Please  
call the Parish office no later than Friday, March 23rd to have your  
memorial placed in the Easter bulletin. Donations may be placed in the  
Easter Memorial Fund, Rector's Discretionary Fund, Flower Fund,  
Food Bank or a fund of your choice.

## LENTEN CAFÉ, FELLOWSHIP & WORSHIP

The last Lenten Café will be held at Zion Lutheran Church this Wednesday  
from 11am - 11:45am. St. Andrew's Presbyterian

- Soup Luncheons will be held Wednesday, April 25, May 2, & 9 at Central  
United Church 11:30am - 1:30pm. Cost is \$9.00.

Music and Meditation this Wednesday at noon:

Our guests this week are soprano Janelle Lucyk and organist Nick  
Veltmeyer. Our Lenten Series on Wednesdays features friends of St. John's  
Music program and is followed by 'Julia's Music', an outreach program at  
Harbour View Haven.

The Perseus Trio perform at Cecilia's Retreat on Sunday, March 25th at 4  
pm. Sharon Gow-Knickle, Bonnie Romkey and Ifan Williams first met as a  
group beneath the dome ceiling above St. John's chancel upon which is  
painted the constellation of Perseus as it appeared in the night sky above the  
church on the night of the first Christmas. Please see Barbara for further  
details on this event.

### PALM CROSSES

A group of folks are getting together to make the Palm Crosses on Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1pm in the Parish Hall. No experience necessary. Newcomers are most welcome. Bring your scissors!

### SEDER MEAL

Our Seder Meal will be held at the Parish Hall on Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. We will partake of the ancient Passover Meal and hear the story of the Old Testament leading up to the Messiah. Enjoy a delicious meal of lamb or chicken stew. Bring your own wine or juice. The sign up sheets are at the back of the church.

### HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday: March 25<sup>th</sup>  
8:30am Holy Eucharist (BCP)  
10:30am Liturgy of the Palms and Liturgy of the Passion with Holy Eucharist

Tuesday in Holy Week: March 27<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 pm Seder Supper in the Parish Hall.

Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>  
10:30am Holy Eucharist (BCP)  
12 Noon Music & Meditation

Maundy Thursday: March 29<sup>th</sup>  
7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service with the Washing of the Feet and the Liturgy of the Lord's Supper.

Good Friday: March 30<sup>th</sup>  
10:00am The Liturgy of Good Friday  
11:30am Ecumenical outdoor "Walk with the Cross" starts at St. John's Church following this service. All are welcome.

Easter Vigil: Holy Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>  
8:00pm The Liturgy of the Easter Vigil – one of the oldest prayers of the Church Lighting the New Fire and Pascal Candle, Baptisms and Renewal of Baptismal Vows.

Easter Sunday: April 1<sup>st</sup>  
8:30am Easter Holy Eucharist (BCP)  
10:30am Easter Choral Holy Eucharist (BAS)

### SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE MARCH BREAK - EASTER

March 18th....Full Sunday School/Nursery  
March 25th....Full Sunday School/Nursery....Palm Sunday  
EASTER SUNDAY April 1<sup>st</sup>....Families attend Church Service  
EASTER SUNDAY April 1<sup>st</sup>....No Sunday School/Nursery

### SUNDAY SCHOOL DUTY SCHEDULE MARCH 18TH

Pre K...Chasity; Kindergarten...OC/Jasmine  
Grade I...Wayne; Grade II...Louise

#### Parish Contacts

PRIEST-IN-CHARGE: Rev. Alvin Westgate • 902-640-2484  
SECRETARY: Mary Wagner • PARISH OFFICE: 902-634-4994  
email: stjohsnlunenburg@bellaliant.com; WEB: www.stjohsnlunenburg.org  
HONORARY ASSOCIATES: Rev. Linda Macdonald • 902-634-9473,  
Rev. Oliver Osmond • 902-634-8589  
St. John's Anglican Church, 64 Townsend Street, PO Box 238, Lunenburg, NS B0J 2C0

#### PARISH WARDENS

Duncan Crowdis 902-521-9724 • Blake Starratt 902-634-9424  
• Robert MacMillan 902-527-0122

#### CHAIR OF PARISH COUNCIL

Brooke Nodding 902-634-9425  
ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR  
Barbara Butler 902-624-0506  
HAND BELLS Sharon Hill 902-634-8781  
CHIMER Peter Allen 902-634-4668  
TREASURER Dan Sargeant 902-237-9728  
ALTAR GUILD Maureen Moffatt,  
Ann Grandy, Barbara Simonds  
PASTORAL VISITATION Vacant at this time  
PRAYER & HEALING MINISTRY  
Linda Macdonald 902-634-9473  
SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT  
Vacant at this time  
HERITAGE Roger Demone 902-543-5753  
MUSIC Jane Ritcey Moore 902-275-4834  
PROPERTY Wayne Dodge 902-634-4885  
LADIES' GUILD  
Susan MacMillan 902-634-3019  
ACW Barbara Nowe 902-634-4473  
ACW CATERING Patty Tanner 543-3474  
LAY READERS Roger Demone 543-5753  
SERVERS Sheila Morris 902-634-3713

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL & NURSERY

Rena Demone 902-634-9644  
TOURS Peter Allen 902-634-4668  
CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
Mary Meisner 902-634-8429  
FOOD BANK Laura Roblee 902-521-4823  
MEALS ON WHEELS Laura Roblee  
902-521-4823, Barbara Simonds 902-634-3319  
PLANNED GIVING  
Jim Eisenhauer 902-634-4713  
PWRDF David Penney 902-209-1626  
REGIONAL COUNCIL  
Mary Meisner, Betty Lou Olivier  
SAFER CHURCH  
Duncan Crowdis 902-640-2214  
SYNOD DELEGATES  
Duncan Crowdis, Robert MacMillan  
CUSTODIAN Joseph Carnevale 902-529-3050  
SEXTON Joseph Carnevale 902-529-3050  
NEWSLETTER  
Janice & Brian Kenefick 902-764-2145  
WEBSITE Grant Dixon 902-640-2897